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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: Mr. McGeorge Bundy  
Special Assistant to the President  
for National Security Affairs

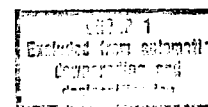
Attached is a memorandum issued by the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee on the subject of Public Release of Information on Soviet Nuclear Tests. The purpose of establishing the criteria covered by the memorandum is to permit as full disclosure as is possible without compromising the capabilities of the Atomic Energy Detection System (AEDS).

The procedure was approved by the United States Intelligence Board on August 8th, and the Board instructed JAEIC to meet at the earliest hour following receipt of signals indicating an event, consider the information reported from the several stations, and authorize the release, provided the signals indicate

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an explosion of the magnitude set forth in the attached memorandum, and further providing that no unusual circumstances surrounded the event which would in the opinion of JAEIC make the release undesirable.

It is assumed that a release will be made promptly by the Atomic Energy Commission upon receipt of the findings of the Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee after the AEC has been informed by its representative on the Committee.

It is further agreed that immediately upon receipt of a signal indicating an event, the Chairman of JAEIC would notify Mr. McGeorge Bundy's office, the office of the Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission through AEC JAEIC member, and my own office, that a signal had been received and a meeting of the Committee convened. No public announcement will be made, however, until the above procedure has been completed.

  
John A. McCone  
Director

Attachment

cc: Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission

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